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Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the present application.

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After the TITLE, and before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION,  
please add the following:

**AI** STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT

[0001] The government has rights in this invention pursuant to Contract No.  
N00019-98-C-0007 awarded by the Department of the Navy.

**REMARKS**

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1 - 20 will be pending in  
this application.



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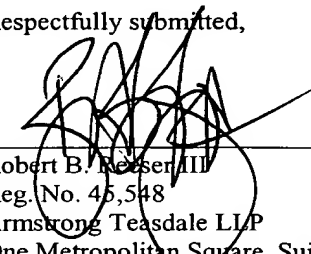
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STATUS

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☐ is other than a small entity.

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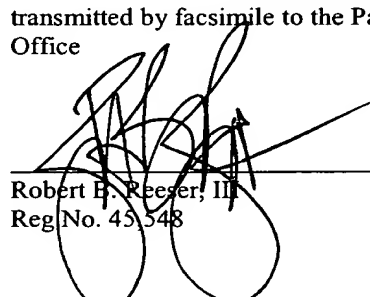
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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ second month	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00
_____ third month	\$ 920.00	\$ 460.00
_____ fourth month	\$1,440.00	\$ 720.00
_____ fifth month	\$1,960.00	\$ 980.00

Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

\_\_\_\_\_ An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

OR

- (b) ☒ \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL	MINUS	=		x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
INDEP.	MINUS	=		x \$42 = \$		x \$84 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$130 = \$		+ \$280 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

- (a) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$

### FEE PAYMENT


5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

### FEE DEFICIENCY

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other:

  
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